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program, the instructions performing the steps comprising:

enabling a programming language editor having a
character position cursor;

determining an identity of input to the programming
language editor by the user;

automatically resolving symbolic portions of available
ones of a plurality of programming language statements by
means of a reverse parse evaluation into a partial program
compilation that generates identifiable tokens for each of
the at least one segment therein in response to the input
being on-demand request by the user;

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identifying a present programming language statement and
at least one segment of the present programming language
statement based on a location of the character position
cursor;

determining a finite set of information related to the
present programming language statement and at least one
segment of the present programming language statement based
on the automatically generated partial compilation;

automatically generating an assist window of the finite
set of information;

receiving a representation of a selection by the
computer programmer from the finite set of information; and

modifying the present programming language statement
based at least in part on the selected information;

enabling execution of a editing task in response to the
input being a programming language editor command;

enabling a first type of commit of an identified menu
item from a selection menu assist window in response to the
input being a commit key, wherein the step of enabling a
first type of commit includes:

identifying the commit key as a non-delimiter type
commit key; and

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discarding the commit key;

enabling a second type of commit of an identified menu item from a selection menu assist window in response to the input being a commit key, wherein the second type of commit includes:

E 1 identifying the commit key as a delimiter type commit key; and

inserting the commit key after the identified menu item in the present programming language statement; and

adding to the present programming language statement at a location of the character position cursor in response to the input being a non-commit key type input character. ---

[Please amend **claims 17, 26 and 28** as follows:

Claim 17. (Twice Amended) A real-time method for assisting a user to modify a programming language statement in a computer program, the real-time method comprising:

enabling a programming language editor having a character position cursor;

6 2 automatically determining an identity of input to the programming language editor by the user;

[continuously] automatically resolving symbolic portions of available ones of a plurality of programming language statements by means of a reverse parse evaluation into a partial program compilation that generates identifiable tokens for each of the at least one segment therein in response to the input being an on-demand request by the user;

identifying a present programming language statement and at least one segment of the present programming language statement based on a location of the character position cursor;

determining a finite set of information related to the

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present programming language statement and [the] at least one segment of the present programming language statement based on the automatically generated partial compilation;

automatically generating an assist window of the finite set of information;

receiving a representation of a selection by the computer programmer from the finite set of information; and

modifying the present programming language statement [to] based at least in part on the selected information;

enabling execution of a editing task in response to the input being a programming language editor command;

enabling a first type of commit of an identified menu item from a selection menu assist window in response to the input being a commit key, wherein the step of enabling a first type of commit includes:

identifying the commit key as a non-delimiter type commit key; and

discarding the commit key;

enabling a second type of commit of an identified menu item from a selection menu assist window in response to the input being a commit key, wherein the second type of commit includes:

identifying the commit key as a delimiter type commit key; and

inserting the commit key after the identified menu item in the present programming language statement; and

adding to the present programming language statement at a location of the character position cursor in response to the input being a non-commit key type input character.

6 Claim 26. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 52[17], wherein the programming language statement is